eral of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) was US $ 469 per MT at the exchange rates then prevailing. STC has reported that the Canadian and Scandinavian producers had raised their prices from US$440 per MT in March 1993 to US$ 490 per MT in April, 1993.

(d) and (e) In 1993-94 STC imported 21000 MT of standard newsprint at a price of US$390 to US$400 per MNT ( ). STC imports were cheaper by about Rs. 2477.00 to Rs. 2164.00 corresponding to US$ 79 to US$69 with reference to the average price of imports during the period.

Central Adoption Development Scheme

3381. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Adoption Development Scheme (CADS) has been expanded;

(b) if so, the number of children who have found home during the last three years under the schemes;

(c) whether voluntary agencies are being associated; and

(d) the step being taken to step-up this programme further?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) There is no such scheme called as "CENTRAL ADOPTION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME." However, Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) has been set up by the Ministry of Welfare in 1990 in persuance of the Supreme Court directions in the Shri Laxmi Kant Pandy Vs Union of India case. The Central Adoption Resouce Agency has been set up to act as a clearing house of information in regard to children available for adoption and to regulate, monitor and develop programme for the rehabilitation of children through adoption/guardianship.

(b) The number of children who have found homes during the last three years through adoption from voluntary organisations recognised by CARA are as under:—

Year	Indian adoption	Foreign adoption
1993	1382	1134
1994	1409	1128
1995	1424	1236

(c) and (d) At present 80 voluntary Organisations which are running Children's Homes and doing in country adoptions have been recognised by CARA for the purposes fo doing inter-country adoption. In addition 278 foreign agencies have been enlisted to sponsor inter-country adoptions in more than 25 countries. The Ministry of Welfare is also implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Grih) for infants to promote Indian adoption. Under this scheme, pro-Governmental Organisations are given assistance to set up Homes to keep a minimum of 10—20 children in the age group of 0—6 years and to place them in adoption. At present, 43 Homes are being assisted under this Scheme.

Promotion of adoption is a continuous and on-going programme which is being implemented vigorously.

Opening of Regional Offices of Indian Bureau of Mines

3382. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) functioning at present;

(b) whether Government propose to set up the regional offices of IBM in the country;

(c) whether any such regional office of IBM is proposed to be set up in Orissa; and